



Phase II and Phase III Archeological Database and Inventory

Site Number: 18AG160

Site Name: Wild Turkey

Prehistoric ☒

Other name(s)

Historic ☐

Unknown ☐

Brief Description:

Late/Terminal Archaic tool manufacturing site

Site Location and Environmental Data:

Latitude 39.6844 Longitude -78.5562

Elevation 277 m Site slope 11-20%

Site setting

-Site Setting restricted

-Lat/Long accurate to within 1 sq. mile, user may need to make slight adjustments in mapping to account for sites near state/county lines or streams

Maryland Archeological Research Unit No. 21

SCS soil & sediment code WeC2

Physiographic province Ridge and Valley

Terrestrial site ☒

Underwater site ☐

Ethnobotany profile available ☐ Maritime site ☐

Nearest Surface Water

Name (if any) Town Creek

Saltwater

Ocean ☐

Estuary/tidal river ☐

Tidewater/marsh ☐

Spring ☐

Minimum distance to water is 610 m

Freshwater

Stream/river ☒

Swamp ☐

Lake or pond ☐

Temporal & Ethnic Contextual Data:

Paleoindian site ☐

Woodland site ☐

Archaic site ☐

MD Adena ☐

Early archaic ☐

Early woodland ☐

Middle archaic ☐

Mid. woodland ☐

Late archaic ☒

Late woodland ☐

Unknown prehistoric context ☐

Contact period site ☐

ca. 1820 - 1860 ☐

ca. 1630 - 1675 ☐

ca. 1860 - 1900 ☐

ca. 1675 - 1720 ☐

ca. 1900 - 1930 ☐

ca. 1720 - 1780 ☐

Post 1930 ☐

ca. 1780 - 1820 ☐

Unknown historic context ☐

Unknown context ☐

Ethnic Associations (historic only)

Native American ☐

Asian American ☐

African American ☐

Unknown ☐

Anglo-American ☐

Other ☐

Hispanic ☐

Y=Confirmed, P=Possible

Site Function Contextual Data:

Prehistoric

Multi-component ☐

Misc. ceremonial ☐

Village ☐

Rock art ☐

Hamlet ☐

Shell midden ☐

Base camp ☐

STU/lithic scatter ☐

Rockshelter/cave ☐

Quarry/extraction ☐

Earthen mound ☐

Fish weir ☐

Cairn ☐

Production area ☒

Burial area ☐

Unknown ☐

Other context ☒

tool manufacturing area

Historic

Urban/Rural? ☐

Domestic

Homestead ☐

Farmstead ☐

Mansion ☐

Plantation ☐

Row/townhome ☐

Cellar ☐

Privy ☐

Industrial

Mining-related ☐

Quarry-related ☐

Mill ☐

Black/metalsmith ☐

Furnace/forge ☐

Other ☐

Transportation

Canal-related ☐

Road/railroad ☐

Wharf/landing ☐

Maritime-related ☐

Bridge ☐

Ford ☐

Educational

Commercial

Trading post ☐

Store ☐

Tavern/inn ☐

Military

Battlefield ☐

Fortification ☐

Encampment ☐

Townsite

Church/mtg house ☐

Ch support bldg ☐

Burial area

Cemetery ☐

Sepulchre ☐

Isolated burial ☐

Bldg or foundation

Possible Structure ☐

Post-in-ground ☐

Frame-built ☐

Masonry ☐

Other structure ☐

Slave related

Non-domestic agri ☐

Recreational ☐

Midden/dump ☐

Artifact scatter ☐

Spring or well ☐

Unknown ☐

Other context ☐

Interpretive Sampling Data:

Prehistoric context samples

Soil samples taken N

Flotation samples taken N

Other samples taken blood residue analysis

Historic context samples

Soil samples taken

Flotation samples taken

Other samples taken



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Diagnostic Artifact Data:

Projectile Point Types	
Koens-Crispin	1
Clovis	
Hardaway-Dalton	
Palmer	
Kirk (notch)	
Kirk (stem)	
Le Croy	
Morrow Mntn	
Guilford	
Brewerton	
Otter Creek	
Perkiomen	
Susquehanna	
Vernon	
Piscataway	
Calvert	
Selby Bay	
Jacks Rf (notch)	
Jacks Rf (pent)	
Madison/Potomac	
Levanna	

Prehistoric Sherd Types

Marcey Creek		Popes Creek		Shepard		Keyser	
Dames Qtr		Coulbourn		Townsend		Yeocomico	
Selden Island		Watson		Minguanan		Monongahela	
Accokeek		Mockley		Sullivan Cove		Susquehannock	
Wolfe Neck		Clemson Island		Shenks Ferry			
Vinette		Page		Moyaone			
				Potomac Cr			

Historic Sherd Types

Earthenware	
Astbury	
Borderware	
Buckley	
Creamware	
Ironstone	
Jackfield	
Mn Mottled	
North Devon	
Pearlware	
Staffordshire	
Tin Glazed	
Whiteware	
Porcelain	
Stoneware	
English Brown	
Eng Dry-bodie	
Nottingham	
Rhenish	
Wt Salt-glazed	

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Other Artifact & Feature Types:

Prehistoric Artifacts	
Other fired clay	
Flaked stone	1646
Ground stone	
Stone bowls	
Fire-cracked rock	
Other lithics (all)	
Ceramics (all)	
Rimsherds	
Human remain(s)	
Modified faunal	
Unmod faunal	
Oyster shell	
Floral material	
Uncommon Obj.	
Other	

Prehistoric Features

Mound(s)		Storage/trash pit	
Midden		Burial(s)	
Shell midden		Ossuary	
Postholes/molds		Unknown	
House pattern(s)		Other	
Palisade(s)			
Hearth(s)			
Lithic reduc area			

Lithic Material

Fer quartzite		Sil sandstone	
Jasper		Chalcedony	
Chert	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	European flint	
Rhyolite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Ironstone	
Quartz		Basalt	
Quartzite	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Argilite	
		Unknown	
		Other	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Sandstone	
		siltstone	

☐ Dated features present at site

Historic Artifacts	
Tobacco related	
Pottery (all)	
Glass (all)	
Architectural	
Furniture	
Arms	
Clothing	
Personal items	
Activity item(s)	
Human remain(s)	
Faunal material	
Misc. kitchen	
Floral material	
Misc.	
Other	

Historic Features

Privy/outhouse		Depression/mound		Unknown	
Const feature		Well/cistern		Burial(s)	
Foundation		Trash pit/dump		Other	
Cellar hole/cellar		Sheet midden		Railroad bed	
Hearth/chimney		Planting feature		Earthworks	
Postholes/molds		Road/walkway		Mill raceway	
Paling ditch/fence				Wheel pit	

All quantities exact or estimated minimal counts

Radiocarbon Data:

Sample 1:		+/-		years BP	Reliability	Sample 2:		+/-		years BP	Reliability	Sample 3:		+/-		years BP	Reliability
Sample 4:		+/-		years BP	Reliability	Sample 5:		+/-		years BP	Reliability	Sample 6:		+/-		years BP	Reliability
Sample 7:		+/-		years BP	Reliability	Sample 8:		+/-		years BP	Reliability	Sample 9:		+/-		years BP	Reliability

☐ Additional radiocarbon results available



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External Samples/Data:

Collection curated at MAC

☐ Additional raw data may be available online

Summary Description:

This site was investigated along with three other sites in the area, all of which would be impacted by the proposed alignments for US-48, the National Freeway (modern US I-68) in Allegany County. It is situated on a narrow, elongated portion of a hilltop overlooking Town Creek Valley 300 m away and is flanked on the north, south, and east by precipitous slopes.

Wild Turkey was tested using systematic posthole test pits on a 10 m interval across the ridgetop, and then a 5 m interval within areas where artifacts had been recovered on the surface. Four spatially discrete clusters of debitage which likely correspond to distinct workshop areas were defined. Site stratigraphy was assessed through excavation of fifteen 1 X 1 m test units.

One diagnostic projectile, a Koens-Crispin point, places the site occupation in the Late/Terminal Archaic. Six additional projectile point fragments were also recovered. The size and workmanship of one of these also points to a Late Archaic/Terminal Archaic date for the site. Eleven very large and crude bifaces were recovered, along with 32 retouched flakes. The rest of the artifact sample consists of debitage, some 1596 pieces of it.

Blood residue analysis on 10 artifacts revealed 2 points (the Koens-Crispin and 1 non-diagnostic) and a biface with possible (weak positive) results for the presence of hemoglobin.

While there are spatially separated components of the site, the site seems to have one primary function: that of lithic workshop. The assemblage is 97% debitage, 82% of which is argillaceous chert. This material probably outcrops nearby and large blocks of it appear to have been reduced to crude bifacial form. The site was revisited periodically to replenish supplies of lithic material for tool manufacturing.

External Reference Codes (Library ID Numbers):

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